

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced an \$11 million dollar contract for the development of the next 35 acres of the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

C & C Contractors of Notasulga, Alabama, a service-disabled and veteran-owned small business, has been awarded the construction contract by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The Phase 1B development will include 4,000 crypt gravesites, 2,700 columbaria niches for cremation, an administration and public information building, two committal service shelters, a public assembly area, a maintenance complex, utilities and irrigation. The site will provide burial space for an additional eight years after the recently-opened first section of the cemetery reaches capacity in approximately two years.

The project is scheduled for completion in FY 2011.

Congressman Bachus said, "Now that the Alabama National Cemetery is a reality, we can all see what a special and sacred place it is for our veterans, Shelby County, and the entire region. There is no better way that we can show our appreciation for the honor and commitment of the men and women who have served our nation in uniform."

Bachus, who spoke at a consecration ceremony for the cemetery in April, authorized the construction of the site through congressional legislation.

The full amount of the contract awarded to C & Contractors by the VA was \$11,056,000.